

METROPOLITAN LODGE NO. 11, A.F.&A.M.

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**Metropolitan
Lodge No. 11
A. F. & A. M.
Chartered December 11, 1860**



Meets in the Scottish Rite Temple, 4204 Hermitage Road, Richmond, Virginia 23227
on the Second Thursday of each month

ANNUAL DUES: 2020 – \$165.00

MAIL REMITTANCES TO SECRETARY

Brother Henry C. Payne, 4013 Old Creek Rd, Chesterfield, VA 23832-8387

Any case of Illness or Distress of any member that may come to your attention should be promptly reported to the Junior Warden, Secretary or other Officer of the Lodge.

Number Eleven Class – Meets the Thursday Preceding the Stated Communication at 6:00 PM
at the Scottish Rite Temple

R. Lewis Gibbs Masonic Class – Saturday Night – Scottish Rite Temple – 7:00 PM
Lodge Blood Drive Number – 2795

FROM THE EAST

December 15, 2019

Brethren, I want to personally thank each of you who came out to our Election and Installation of Officers at our stated meeting on December 12, 2019. It is an honor to serve the Lodge as its Worshipful Master for 2020, and I am humbled by your confidence and support. I am very grateful for the Line Officers who will serve with me this year. Their support of this Lodge, and dedication to the craft, exemplifies what Masonry is all about.

I want to extend a special thank you to Wor. Jimmy Creech, Temple No. 9, Rt. Wor. Twiggy Sheppard and Rt. Wor. Tom Wadkins for an exemplary Installation of Officers program. Also, thank you Wor. Rt. Wor. Tom Wadkins, for the taking of pictures at the Installation.

Metropolitan Lodge was very well represented at the annual MAHOVA Christmas Party on December 13, 2019. Many of the residents were in attendance and sang Christmas Carols along with the Rainbow Girls accompanied by the band. Our generous contribution to the MAHOVA activities fund, will allow for the tuning of the MAHOVA pianos.

Our speaker for our January stated meeting will be Ashley Abplanalp, a trainer on personal and business finance and the founder of The Money Mom. She has worked in the corporate world and in real estate sales; however, her true passion is helping people achieve their dreams and winning with money. I'm sure that it will be an interesting and entertaining presentation.

Brethren, during this Holiday Season please keep our Masonic widows, the sick and infirmed, the less fortunate, and especially our men and women in uniform, wherever so dispersed, in your thoughts and prayers. Wishing you and your families a Very Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Linwood G. Bennett, Jr.
Worshipful Master

STATED COMMUNICATION – THURSDAY, January 9, 2020– 7:00 PM

ASSEMBLE: Scottish Rite Dining Room, 4204 Hermitage Road at 5:45 PM

DINNER 6:00 PM

Program – Ashley Abplanalp, a trainer on personal and business finance and the founder of The Money Mom

OPEN LODGE 7:00 PM

Regular Business

CLOSE LODGE

***OFFICERS DRESS* – Tuxedos w/Black Accessories**
***MEMBERS & GUESTS:* Please wear Business Attire (Coat & Tie)_**

**THE NO. 11 CLASS OF INSTRUCTION WILL BE HELD ON THE THURSDAY
PRECEDING THE STATED COMMUNICATION**

CALLED COMMUNICATIONS:

None Scheduled at this time

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Friday, December 27, 2019 - 6:00 PM Dinner, Lodge 7:00 PM - Possum Night at
Manchester Lodge No 14 (Possum Lodge)

Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 8:00 AM - Masters and Wardens Association Meeting at
Westhampton Lodge No. 302, 9290 Three Chopt Road

Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 09:00 AM - Division Leadership Conference at Scottish
Rite Temple, - Officers, Treasurer and Secretary Required - Others Welcome

LODGE OF SORROW

The Supreme Architect of the Universe has seen fit to call two of our brothers from our midst:

	THOMAS DAVID CUSTALOW, SR.	KEVIN R. SCHEIDT
Born:	August 31, 1939	July 15, 1974
Initiated an Entered Apprentice:	January 24, 1990	August 27, 2011
Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft:	February 28, 1990	August 27, 2011
Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:	March 21, 1990	August 27, 2011
Died:	December 6, 2019	December 7, 2019

To their families, we extend our most sincere sympathies and condolences.

PAST MASTER HONOR ROLL – DECEMBER 2019

Charles S. Sarbaugh, Heath W. Mayes, George H. Cooke III, Donnie R. Carter
Claude A. Bass, Jr. GP, Robert E. Pagani, John Q. Sheppard, Douglas V. Jones GM
J. Thomas Wadkins III, Christopher E. Loftus, W. Martin Myers, John W. Edelin III
Robert E. Cook, Richard C. Kidd, Lambros G. Deligan, Albert A. Dranoff,
Daulton L. Carter, Omer E. (Larry) LaRochelle, John H. Hart

ATTENDANCE – DECEMBER 2019 STATED

Past Masters – 19 Members – 16 Visitors – 5 Total – 40

Yearly Averages:

2005 – 76, 2006 – 77, 2007 – 74, 2008 – 72, 2009 – 69, 2010 – 60, 2011 – 61, 2012 – 49
2013 – 48, 2014 – 47, 2015 – 53, 2016 – 49, 2017 – 46, 2018 – 47, 2019 – 38

MEET YOUR NEW WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Worshipful Linwood Gordon Bennett, Jr. was born in Richmond, VA. on September 9, 1946. He attended Chesterfield County public schools and graduated from Augusta Military Academy in 1966. He served 3 years 6 months in the United States Army, 76th Military Police Detachment, 15th Military Police Brigade, Germany.

Additionally, he served 6 years as a Security Policeman with the 192nd Security Police Squadron, 192nd Tactical Fighter Wing, Virginia Air National Guard. In 1970 Worshipful Brother Bennett became a member of the Richmond Police Department (Richmond Bureau of Police) and retired as a Lieutenant after 30 years of service. In 2000 he was employed as an Investigator with the Virginia State Corporation Commissions, Bureau of Insurance. He retired after 17 years of service as a Principal Investigator.

He petitioned and became a member of Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 in 1999, where he was Initiated and Entered Apprentice on January 5, 2000, Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on February 16, 2000, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 1, 2000. Worshipful Brother Bennett and his wife, Jenney, reside in Eastern Henrico. He has a daughter and two grandchildren living in Alabama.



Worshipful Linwood G. Bennett, Jr.

All of Metropolitan Lodge No. 11 Officers may be seen at
<http://www.metropolitanlodge.com/officers.html>

“A Winter Tea Party”

From a drawing of the Green Dragon Tavern, a note at the bottom: "Where we met to Plan the Consignment of a few Shiploads of Tea, Dec 16, 1773", in the upper left corner is a square and compass.

The Tavern purchased by the St. Andrews Lodge in 1764, with a square and compass over the front door and a copper Dragon that had turned green through the weather.

Here the Sons of Liberty held secret sessions. They wore a jewel around their necks with picture of the Liberty Tree on it and had separate language for recognition.

On the night of the Tea Party there were "Mohawks" with lamp black and paint on their faces. Some of these "Mohawks" met at the Green Dragon Tavern. Some met in homes. Some came from the Edes Printing Office.

Two thousand people stand and watch the Boston Tea Party. The crowd is silent as sixty men dump 90,000 pounds of tea into the salt water. There are secret signs and countersigns for recognition.

December 16th - The evening of the Tea Party. St. Andrew Lodge records show that only five members were present, with a note, "Lodge closed on account of few members present."

The Governor's Corps stood far back from the crowd on the wharf. No damage was done to the ships. No tea was kept by an individual.

Many years later, Br. Winston Churchill, commented that Americans have been drinking coffee ever since, reasoning that the Americans lost their taste for tea was that they had a peculiar way of mixing it in the salt water.

This article was more 'compiled and edited' than written, by Wor. Br. Martin Myers, drawing upon numerous source materials, a list of source is available upon request.

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LIVING PAST MASTERS

Brown, Platon A.	1968	Childrey, William E.	1992
Hines, Elbert Richard	1968	Deligan, Lambros G. PDDGM	1992
Olphin, Jr., Walter L.	1970	Cooke, III, George H.	1993
Kontopanos, John A., Jr.	1971	Howell, John W.	1994
Morrow, Gordon J.	1971	LaFemina, Keith G.	1995
Plotkin, Leonard	1972	Carter, Donnie R., PDDGM	1996
Graham, George Tiffany	1974	Bass, Jr., Claude A. PDDGM	1999
McLaughlin, Billy B. PDDGM	1975	Pagani, Robert E.	2000
Yannis, Frank Y.	1975	Fitchett, Wayne E.	2002
Hiner, Henry L.	1978	Sheppard, John Q. PDDGM	2003
Whitlock, K. Wayne	1981	Absher, Barrye L. PDDGM	2005
Lyell, John C.	1983	Jones, Douglas V., GM	2007
Olphin, III, Walter L.	1984	Sykes, C. Thomas, PDDGM	2008
Sarbaugh, Charles S. PDDGM	1985	Cook, V. Stuart PGM	2009
Dixon, Johnnie L. PDDGM	1986 & 1996	Wadkins, III, J. Thomas, PDDGM	2010-2011
Mayes, Heath W.	1986	Loftus, Christopher E.	2012
Houchins, Richard W.	1987	W. Martin Myers	2013
Wagner, Fredric P.	1987	John W. Edelin, III	2014
Evans, Jr., Wade V. PDDGM	1989	Wade V. Evans, III	2015-2016
Jacobson, Kenneth A.	1990	Robert E. Cook	2017
Bennett, Jr., George L.	1991	Rick C. Kidd, PDDGM	2018
		Jason C. Clemmer	2019

AFFILIATE PAST MASTERS

Bernhard, Lothar Arthur	(#19)
Carter, Daulton L.	(#317)
Dranoff, Albert Abe PDDGM	(#53)
Grotz, Clifford C. Jr PDDGM	(#3)
Hart, John H. PDDGM	(#302)
Holmes, Ray W.	(#317)
Kidd, Richard C., PDDGM	(#9)
LaRochelle, Omer E. Jr.	(#244)
Malbone, Theodore Irving	(#317)
Martin, Frederick Garrison III, PGM	(#344)
Owens, Edward Nelson	(#284)
Rose, Daniel Lee PDDGM	(#161)
Sanford, Steven Weldon PDDGM	(#4)
Taylor, Robert Wright	(#317)